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of Applicant Tadahiro Ohmi et al. Serial No.: 09/581,878 Filing Date: June 19, 2000 Title: SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

Art Group: 7595

Examiner: Luz L. Alejandro

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NOTICE OF APPEAL AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's decision dated April 22, 2003, finally rejecting Claims 1-11.

Additionally, Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing of the Notice of Appeal in the above-entitled application for three months from July 22, 2003 to October 22, 2003.

Applicant submits herewith a check in the amount of Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$640) which covers the Extension of Time fee and Notice of Appeal fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 260/485-6001.

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